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Annotated provisional agenda and organization of work

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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Opening of the session

1. The nineteenth session of the Governing Council will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 27 January 1997, by the President of the Council at its eighteenth session or, in his absence, by one of the other officers of the Council at its eighteenth session.

Item 2. Organization of the session

(a) Election of officers

2. The Governing Council elects its officers at the beginning of each regular session, in accordance with rule 18 of its rules of procedure. The geographical composition of the Bureau is to be found in annex I below.

3. By its decision 15/1, section II, paragraph 2 (a) the Council decided to establish two sessional committees, one committee on the programme and one on administrative and budgetary matters. The committees will elect their own officers, in accordance with rule 61 of the rules of procedure, with the exception of the chairperson. In the past, the Council has designated the chairperson of its sessional committees from the vice-presidents of the Council. The Council may, therefore, wish to consider designating, from the three vice-presidents of the session, one to serve as chairperson of the Programme Committee, one to serve as chairperson of the Committee for Fund and Administrative and Other Budgetary Matters and one to serve as chairperson of the proposed joint meetings of the two committees in a Committee of the Whole, as well as to assist the President of the Council in carrying out his duties.

(b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session

4. The provisional agenda for the nineteenth session, as approved by the Council at its eighteenth session, was distributed on 8 August 1996 as document UNEP/GC.19/1. The organization of work of the nineteenth session including documentation for discussion, as proposed by the Executive Director, is contained in annex II to the present document. An overview of the schedule of meetings is contained in annex III.

5. The Executive Director recommends that the Governing Council deal with the following items of the provisional agenda primarily in plenary meetings: item 1 (Opening of the session); item 2 (Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session); item 3 (Credentials of representatives); item 4(d) (Governance of the United Nations Environment Programme); item 5 (Preparations for the 1997 Review and Appraisal of Agenda 21); item 8 (Provisional agenda, date and place of the twentieth session of the Council); item 9 (Other business); item 10 (Adoption of the report); and item 11 (Closure of the session).

6. In line with the recommendation made at the pre-sessional informal consultations with Governments in January 1979 to the effect that some additional items or special items could be allocated to sessional committees, the Executive Director proposes that the Programme Committee, established in

accordance with paragraph 3 above, deal primarily with agenda item 6 (Programme matters), which includes the status of implementation of the programme of work for 1996-1997 and the proposed programme of work for 1998-1999. The Programme Committee will also deal with policy issues under items 4(a) and 4(b) of the provisional agenda. The second sessional committee, the Committee for Fund and Administrative and Other Budgetary Matters, would deal mainly with item 7 (The Environment Fund and administrative and other budgetary matters), including the composite Environment Fund budgets which relate to the revised budget proposal for 1996-1997; the proposal for resource allocation for 1998-1999; and the financial aspects of item 6. Item 4(c) (Coordination and cooperation within and outside the United Nations, including non-governmental organizations) would be discussed jointly in the Committee of the Whole.

7. The nineteenth session of the Governing Council will be opened on Monday, 27 January at 10 a.m. It is proposed that, at its opening meeting, the Council should elect its officers for the session and adopt the agenda and the organization of work of the session. Finally, during this opening plenary session, the policy statement of the Executive Director will be introduced.

8. The Executive Director is proposing that immediately after the formal opening of the session, the Fund and Programme Committees should meet jointly as a Committee of the Whole. This arrangement is proposed in order to facilitate integrated and coherent discussion and decision-making on items which have both programmatic and financial implications. It would also respond to the concerns expressed in the Fund Committee at the Council's last session that "it was difficult to discuss the Environment Fund budget separately from the programme" and that "at the next session of the Governing Council, the proposed programme of work and the level of the appropriation for Fund programme activities should be discussed in the same Committee" (see UNEP/GC.18/40, annex III, para. 20).

9. The Committee of the Whole would meet for the remainder of Monday, 27 January, and consider the status of implementation of the programme of work 1996-1997 and the proposed programme of work 1998-1999. The discussion which takes place in the Committee of Whole will guide the Fund and Programme Committees in their separate deliberations.

10. On Tuesday, 28 January, it is proposed that the Committee of the Whole turn its attention to a few key issues, namely documentation related to UNEP's work on chemicals; protection of the marine environment from land-based activities; and environmental law.

11. On Wednesday, 29 January and Thursday, 30 January, the Programme Committee and the Fund Committee would meet simultaneously to continue the discussions initiated in the Committee of the Whole and to take up the remaining issues under items 6 and 7, respectively. The sessional committees will complete their work in time for the Committee of the Whole to reconvene on Friday, 31 January.

12. On Friday, 31 January, the Committee of the Whole would meet to consider item 4(c) (Coordination and cooperation within and outside the United Nations, including non-governmental organizations). On Monday, 3

February, the Committee of the Whole will meet for its final day to review and conclude on items 6 (Programme matters) and 7 (The Environment Fund and administrative and other budgetary matters) as well as items 4(a), 4(b) and 4(c).

13. From 4 to 7 February, the Council will meet in plenary. Two major policy issues will take precedence, namely item 5 (Preparations for the 1997 review and appraisal of Agenda 21) and item 4(d) (Governance of the United Nations Environment Programme). In the morning and afternoon of Tuesday 4 February, the plenary would deliberate solely on agenda item 5 (Preparations for the 1997 review and appraisal of Agenda 21).

14. In the morning of Wednesday, 5 February, the plenary would reconvene at the ministerial or equivalent level. A brief opening ceremony for this high-level segment is planned, during which the Council would hear statements from the Executive Director and specially invited guests.

15. In keeping with Council decision 15/1, section II, paragraph 2 (b), the remainder of the morning session on 5 February will be devoted to a discussion of major policy issues specifically, preparations for the 1997 review and appraisal of Agenda 21 (item 5). The afternoon session on 5 February will provide the first occasion for plenary discussion on the governance of UNEP (item 4(d)).

16. The Executive Director is proposing that the Council should hold a brief evening meeting on 5 February, during which representatives would be invited to announce their Government's pledges to the Environment Fund for the current and 1998-1999 bienniums. This "pledging session" would take place within the context of item 7 of the provisional agenda.

17. On Thursday, 6 February, the Council would begin with item 3 (Credentials of representatives) and then return to a discussion of item 4(d) related to the governance of UNEP. The afternoon session on 6 February would focus on the consideration and adoption of draft decisions emanating from agenda items 4(a), 4(b), 4(c), 4(d), 5, 6 and 7.

18. On Friday, 7 February, the Council would deal with items 8 (Provisional agenda, date and place of the twentieth session of the Council) and 9 (Other matters). The Council would then proceed to the adoption of its report (item 10) and the closure of the session (item 11).

DOCUMENTATION	
UNEP/GC.19/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/GC.19/1/Add.1	Annotated provisional agenda and organization of the work of the session
UNEP/GC.19/INF.6	Report on the state of preparedness of documents for the nineteenth session

Item 3. Credentials of representatives

19. In accordance with rule 17 of the rules of procedure, the credentials of representatives at the nineteenth session of the Council will be examined by the Bureau, which will report thereon to the Council. It should be noted that, under rule 16, each member of the Council is to be represented by one accredited representative, who may be accompanied by such alternate representatives and advisers as may be required.

Item 4. Policy issues

20. The Council is invited to hold a general discussion on the various policy issues raised in the documentation for this item. The Council may wish to reflect the outcome of its deliberations in one or more policy decisions. The Council will have before it suggested action on these policy issues.

21. As a basis for its discussion, the Council will have before it the policy statement of the Executive Director (UNEP/GC.19/29) setting out those issues in the field of the environment that the Executive Director finds of paramount importance to the Council. Among other things, the statement will include a report on the status of implementation of Council decisions taken at its eighteenth session. It will also include a report on the efforts undertaken to improve management, efficiency and transparency of the secretariat, progress on programmatic issues as well as efforts to involve the relevant non-governmental organizations in the planning, development and implementation of UNEP's activities.

22. During its deliberations on policy matters, Council will also consider reports from the Executive Director on the state of the environment (item 4(a)) and reports on emerging policy issues such as globalization and the environment (item 4(b)). The Council will address the issue of coordination and cooperation within and outside the United Nations (item 4(c)) and will consider the report of the Executive Director on the review of the governing structures of the United Nations Environment Programme (item 4(d)). The background to each of these items is set out in paragraphs 23 to 35 below.

DOCUMENTATION	
UNEP/GC.19/29	Policy statement by the Executive Director

Item 4 (a). State of the environment

23. In its decision 18/27 C, paragraph 1, the Council requested that the Executive Director prepare a new, comprehensive report on the state of the world environment consisting of three parts: (i) the present state of the global environment; (ii) the state of the global environment in the year 2015; and (iii) the response: findings, conclusions and policy recommendations. The first document of the series is expected to be published in early 1997. The executive summary of that document, together with the background to its preparation, will be before the Governing Council as document UNEP/GC.19/26.

24. The Executive Director was also requested in Governing Council decision 18/11, paragraph 3, to update the report on the environmental situation in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories, in keeping with Council decision 17/31. In particular, the report for the nineteenth session will outline the efforts of UNEP in providing technical assistance in Palestinian institutional and self-capacity-building in the field of the environment (UNEP/GC.19/13).

DOCUMENTATION	
UNEP/GC.19/26	Report on the Global Environment Outlook
UNEP/GC.19/13	The environmental situation in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories

Item 4 (b). Emerging policy issues

25. In its decision 18/3, the Governing Council urged the Executive Director to pay special attention, in UNEP's work on globalization and environment, to regional and national particularities, and to the implications and impact of sustainable development for developing countries and countries with economies in transition. As the report submitted under this item (UNEP/GC.19/27) indicates, since the eighteenth session of the Council, UNEP has made efforts to promote mutually supportive trade and environment policies from an environmental perspective.

DOCUMENTATION	
UNEP/GC.19/27	Globalization and the environment: emerging issues on the environment and trade agenda

Item 4 (c). Coordination and cooperation within and outside the United Nations, including non-governmental organizations

26. Under this item, the Executive Director will present the draft United Nations system-wide strategy in the field of environment, which was requested by the Council in its decision 18/13 after endorsing the assessment of the Executive Director that there is a need for such a system-wide strategy to enable UNEP to discharge its policy guidance and coordination mandate within the United Nations system. The strategy is summarized in document UNEP/GC.19/19, and a complete draft will be available as an information document (UNEP/GC.19/INF.11).

27. Also under this item, the Council will have before it a report on the activities of the Inter-Agency Environment Coordination Group (UNEP/GC.19/17), requested in decision 18/14. This report concentrates on the terms of reference of the Group, progress made in its work and proposed future activities.

28. The report on UNEP's effort toward the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa (UNEP/GC.19/7) gives a concise overview of developments since the eighteenth session of the Council, presenting the ongoing efforts of UNEP in collaboration with relevant United Nations partners and other organizations in the field of desertification assessment, awareness-raising and the development of improved approaches involving communities. Among key developments, efforts are under way to promote a global network of leading scientific institutions on land degradation and drought issues.

29. The joint report on the results of cooperation between UNEP and UNCHS (Habitat) (UNEP/GC.19/8) reviews the joint implementation of relevant parts of Agenda 21, as well as the contributions of UNEP to the Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements and to the Sustainable Cities Programme.

30. The Council will also have before it a report by the Executive Director on the measures UNEP has taken to strengthen its relationship with the environmental conventions and their secretariats (UNEP/GC.19/11). The Fifth Meeting on Coordination of Secretariats of Environmental Conventions was held in June 1996.

31. The report on the participation of UNEP in the Global Environment Facility (GEF) (UNEP/GC.19/16) includes a review of the activities undertaken by UNEP to fulfil its designated role and to strengthen its links with the GEF secretariat.

32. The topic of "Implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of Marine Environment from Land-based Activities" was selected for the report of the Administration Committee on Coordination (ACC) to the UNEP Governing Council on international cooperation in the field of the environment (UNEP/GC.19/12). This report reflects the joint views of the organization of the United Nations system on the follow-up to the Washington Conference on the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities.

33. A report on good environmental housekeeping within the United Nations system (UNEP/GC.19/28) is being submitted to the Council in response to the decision 18/10. The decision calls upon the Executive Director to consider and recommend strategies for the promotion of best practices in environmental housekeeping for use by UNEP, and to advise and encourage the rest of the UN system to develop and apply similar strategies for continually improving their own environmental performance.

34. Finally, the report of the Executive Director on issues arising from the resolutions of the General Assembly (UNEP/GC.19/2) will focus on the resolutions adopted at the fiftieth and fifty-first sessions of the General Assembly calling for action by UNEP.

DOCUMENTATION	
UNEP/GC.19/19	Report on the United Nations system-wide strategy in the field of the environment

UNEP/GC.19/INF.11	United Nations system-wide strategy in the field of the environment
UNEP/GC.19/17	Report on the activities of the Inter-Agency Environment Coordination Group
UNEP/GC.19/INF.2	Memoranda of understanding concerning cooperation between UNEP and other organizations of the United Nations system
UNEP/GC.19/7	UNEP's effort toward the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa: 1995-1996
UNEP/GC.19/8	Cooperation between United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS) (Habitat)
UNEP/GC.19/11	Coordination of convention secretariats
UNEP/GC.19/16	The participation of UNEP in the work of the Global Environment Facility (GEF)
UNEP/GC.19/12	Implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities: report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) to the UNEP Governing Council on international cooperation in the field of environment
UNEP/GC.19/28	Report on steps taken by UNEP and other United Nations entities on good environmental housekeeping
UNEP/GC.19/2	Issues arising from the resolution of the General Assembly at its fiftieth and fifty-first sessions specifically calling for action by the United Nations Environment Programme

Item 4(d). Governance of the United Nations Environment Programme

35. In its decision 18/2 the Governing Council, recognizing that there is a need periodically to review and refine the governing structures of UNEP if its functions and responsibilities are to be fulfilled in the most efficient, effective and transparent manner, decided to undertake such a review at its nineteenth session. Accordingly, the Council requested the Executive Director to propose options to that effect, after consultation with Governments. Since the eighteenth session of the Council, UNEP has initiated a series of formal and informal consultations in order to solicit the views of Governments. Inputs have been received through correspondence, informal ministerial consultations and the Committee of Permanent Representatives

(CPR) to UNEP. The outcome of this consultative process is reflected in the report from the Executive Director on the subject (UNEP/GC.19/10).

DOCUMENTATION	
UNEP/GC.19/10	Review of the governing structures of the United Nations Environment Programme

Item 5. Preparations for the 1997 review and appraisal of Agenda 21

36. By paragraph 3 of its resolution 50/110, the General Assembly requested the Governing Council to prepare a report on the role and activities of the United Nations Environment programme in the implementation of Agenda 21 for submission to the Assembly at its special session in 1997. As part of the preparatory process for the review and appraisal of Agenda 21, the Executive Director is preparing a policy paper (UNEP/GC.19/30) for consideration by the Council. The Executive Director has also prepared broad-based cost estimates for UNEP to implement fully those parts of Agenda 21 recommended for its attention (UNEP/GC.19/20).

37. In addition, the reports of the Executive Director on governance (UNEP/GC.19/10), future financing (UNEP/GC.19/INF.10), and the Global Environment Outlook (UNEP/GC.19/26), will be also relevant to the discussion of this item.

DOCUMENTATION	
UNEP/GC.19/30	UNEP's contribution to the special session of the General Assembly in 1997
UNEP/GC.19/26	Report on the Global Environment Outlook
UNEP/GC.19/10	Review of the governing structures of the United Nations Environment Programme
UNEP/GC.19/INF.10	Ensuring adequate and predictable financing of UNEP: A Challenge to Governments
UNEP/GC.19/20	Cost for UNEP to implement fully the parts of Agenda 21 recommended for its attention

Item 6. Programme matters

38. The secretariat has prepared a composite budget document (UNEP/GC.19/22) which reviews the availability of resources in the Environment Fund in 1996-1997 and 1998-1999. Part three of this composite document, dealing with the revised programme of work (Fund activities) for 1996-1997, and part four, containing the proposed programme of work for 1998-1999, will be considered by the Council under item 6. As the basis for developing part three of the budget document, the secretariat undertook a

mid-term review of the approved programme of work 1996-1997. The results of this review are being circulated as an information document (UNEP/GC.19/INF.9).

39. Also under this item, the Council will have before it the report of the Executive Director (UNEP/GC.19/25) on UNEP's role as the secretariat of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities, adopted by the Intergovernmental Conference in Washington, D.C., in 1995. As requested by the Washington Conference, UNEP presented to the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) in 1996 an operational plan describing the modalities of fulfilling the secretariat functions and the implementation of the Programme of Action. A draft resolution on the institutional arrangements for the implementation of the Programme of Action is to be considered by the General Assembly at its fifty-first session. Another input to deliberations on the Global Programme of Action will be the ACC report (UNEP/GC.19/12), which is being circulated under item 4 (c) of the provisional agenda (see para. 32 above).

40. In line with Council decision 18/12, the Executive Director will present a report on the development of an international legally binding instrument for the application of the Prior Informed Consent (PIC) procedure for certain hazardous chemicals in international trade and further measures to reduce the risks from hazardous chemicals (UNEP/GC.19/24). The first session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the development of a PIC convention was held in Brussels in March 1996, and the second session was held in September 1996, in Nairobi. Pursuant to paragraph 2 of decision 18/12, a meeting of Government-designated experts was convened in Copenhagen in April 1996 to consider further measures to reduce the risks from a limited number of hazardous chemicals. The experts identified a number of health and environmental problems that might require global action and adopted recommendations for the consideration of the Council (UNEP/GC.19/24, annex). The full report of the meeting of experts will be before the Council as an information document (UNEP/GC.19/INF.7).

41. Also related to work undertaken to address the chemicals issue, the Executive Director is circulating a report on progress made in the implementation of Council decision 18/32, on persistent organic pollutants (UNEP/GC.19/23), including the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Persistent Organic Pollutants of the Intergovernmental Forum on Chemical Safety (IFCS). The final report of the Ad Hoc Working Group will be available as an information document (UNEP/GC.19/INF.8).

42. As called for by the Governing Council in its decision 17/25 and requested by it in its decision 18/9, the Executive Director is submitting a report on the mid-term review of the Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law for the 1990s and on progress made in further developing international environmental law aiming at sustainable development (UNEP/GC.19/32). The Council will also have before it the mid-term report on the implementation of the Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law for the 1990s (UNEP/GC.19/INF.12) and the report of the Meeting of Senior Government Officials Expert in Environmental Law for the mid-term review of that Programme (UNEP/GC.19/INF.14). Also, the Council will have before it a position paper for international environmental law aiming at sustainable development. The

Council will also have before it the report of the Executive Director on international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment (UNEP/GC.19/31), prepared pursuant to Governing Council decision 24 (III) and General Assembly resolution 3436 (XXX).

43. The report of the Executive Director on women in environment and development (UNEP/GC.19/9) highlights the steps taken by UNEP to incorporate women's concerns and participation into its policies, programmes and projects, equity in UNEP's hiring practices, as well as the contribution of UNEP on gender and environment issues in major international conferences.

44. A report dealing with the improvements of the international response to environmental emergencies (UNEP/GC.19/14) is being submitted to the Council in accordance with decision 18/19. It provides a progress report on the activities of the Joint United Nations Environment Programme/Department of Humanitarian Affairs Environment Unit.

45. In its decision 18/5, the Council requested the Executive Director to take appropriate action on the recommendations in the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services entitled "In-depth evaluation of the programme on environment" and to take due consideration of the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination as contained in its draft report. For information purposes, a report on action taken is being circulated as document UNEP/GC.19/INF.3.

DOCUMENTATION	
UNEP/GC.19/22	The Environment Fund budgets: revised proposals for 1996-1997 and proposals for 1998-1999
UNEP/GC.19/INF.9	Mid-term review and status of implementation of the programme of work 1996-1997
UNEP/GC.19/25	UNEP's role as secretariat of the Global Programme of Action the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities
UNEP/GC.19/12	Implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities: report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) to the UNEP Governing Council on international cooperation in the field of environment
UNEP/GC.19/INF.4	Institutional arrangements for implementing of the Global Programme of Action for Protection of Marine Environment from Land-based Activities

UNEP/GC.19/24	Progress report on the development of an international legally binding instrument for the application of the Prior Informed Consent procedure for certain hazardous chemicals in international trade and further measures to reduce the risks from hazardous chemicals
UNEP/GC.19/INF.7	Report of the Government-designated Group of Experts on Further Measures to Reduce the Risks from a Limited Number of Hazardous Chemicals on its work
UNEP/GC.19/23	Progress made in the implementation of Governing Council decision 18/32, including the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Persistent Organic Pollutants of the Intergovernmental Forum on Chemical Safety
UNEP/GC.19/INF.8	Final report of the IFCS Ad Hoc Working Group on Persistent Organic Pollutants
UNEP/GC.19/32	Report on progress made in further development of international environmental law aiming at sustainable development
UNEP/GC.19/INF.12	Mid-term report of the Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law for the 1990s
UNEP/GC.19/INF.13	Position paper for international environmental law aiming at sustainable development
UNEP/GC.19/INF.14	Report of the Meeting of Senior Government Officials Expert in Environmental Law
UNEP/GC.19/31	Report on international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment
UNEP/GC.19/9	The role of women in environment and development
UNEP/GC.19/14	Improvement of the international response to environmental emergencies
UNEP/GC.19/INF.3	Report on actions taken to implement the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services included in the report In-depth evaluation of the programme on environment

Item 7. The Environment Fund and administrative and other budgetary matters

46. As noted in paragraph 37 above, UNEP has prepared a composite budget document (UNEP/GC.19/22) which reviews the availability of resources in the Environment Fund in 1996-1997 and 1998-1999. Part one of this document examines the resources of the Environment Fund and their utilization; part

two sets out the management and administrative support costs budget (MASC); part three deals with the revised fund programme for the biennium 1996-1997; and part four contains the proposed programme of work for the biennium 1998-1999.

47. The Executive Director will provide the Council with the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the composite budget document (UNEP/GC.19/L.1).

48. The Executive Director will also present a report on various conference-servicing issues (UNEP/GC.19/5), as requested by the Council in its decision 18/45, which include the efforts to limit documentation to the Governing Council, technological improvements to provide modern, cost-efficient conference services and other matters.

49. As requested by the Council in its decision 18/47, a report on progress made on the implementation of the Mercure satellite telecommunications system will also be presented (UNEP/GC.19/21).

50. As requested by decision 18/44, a report on the costs to UNEP of administering trust funds (UNEP/GC.19/18) will be submitted to the Council. It will set out the interim findings of the cost-management study of expenditure incurred by UNEP while administering trust funds requested by the Council in paragraph 3 of its decision 18/44 B. In addition, the Council will also have before it the report of the Executive Director on the management of the trust funds administered by UNEP (UNEP/GC.19/4).

51. Pursuant to decision 18/46, the Executive Director is circulating for the information of the Council the biennial report of the Board of Auditors to UNEP (UNEP/GC.19/INF.1). As requested by decision 18/41 C, she will also submit, for information purposes, a report on the measures she has put in place in response to the queries raised by the auditors and the views expressed at the eighteenth session of the Council (UNEP/GC.19/INF.5), as well as her comments on the report of the Board of Auditors on the financial report and audited financial statements of the Environment Fund for the biennium 1994-1995 (UNEP/GC.19/33)

52. Furthermore, a report setting out proposals for a revision of the Financial Rules of the Environment Fund and the General Procedures Governing the Operation of the Environment Fund will be submitted in response to decision 18/42, paragraph 15 (UNEP/GC.19/3).

53. In accordance with decisions 18/48 and 18/49, a report will also be presented on the utilization of human resources, including consultants in UNEP (UNEP/GC.19/15).

54. Additionally, the Executive Director will report on measures taken to prevent waste, fraud and mismanagement in UNEP (UNEP/GC.19/6 and Add.1) as requested by decision 18/46.

DOCUMENTATION	
UNEP/GC.19/22	The Environment Fund budgets: revised proposals for 1996-1997 and proposals for 1998-1999

UNEP/GC.19/L.1	Comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the composite budget document of UNEP
UNEP/GC.19/INF.10	Ensuring adequate and predictable financing of UNEP: a challenge to Governments
UNEP/GC.19/5	Developments in conference-servicing
UNEP/GC.19/21	Report on progress made on the implementation of the Mercure satellite telecommunications system
UNEP/GC.19/18	Administrative costs of Trust Funds to UNEP
UNEP/GC.19/4	Management of trust funds
UNEP/GC.19/33	Executive Director's comments on the report of the Board of Auditors on the financial report and audited financial statements of the Environment Fund for the biennium 1994-1995
UNEP/GC.19/INF.5	Status of implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors
UNEP/GC.19/Inf.1	Biennial report of the Board of Auditors to UNEP
UNEP/GC.19/3	Revision of the Financial Rules of UNEP and Revision of the General Procedures Governing the operations of the Fund of UNEP
UNEP/GC.19/15	Enhancing human resource utilization with UNEP while ensuring the complementary and appropriate use of individual and corporate consultancies
UNEP/GC.19/6 and Add.1	Prevention of waste, fraud and mismanagement in UNEP

Item 8. Provisional agenda, date and place of the twentieth session of the Council

55. Rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council provides that regular sessions of the Council shall be held at UNEP headquarters, unless otherwise decided by the Council at a previous session. The Executive Director will propose a provisional agenda and dates for the convening of the twentieth session of the Council.

Annex I

GEOGRAPHICAL COMPOSITION OF THE BUREAU OF THE
UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL

	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1987	1989	1991	1993	1995	1997
REGIONAL GROUP											
AFRICAN GROUP	VP	VP	Rapp	Pres	VP	VP	VP	Rapp	Pres	VP	VP
ASIAN GROUP	VP	Rapp	VP	VP	Pres	VP	Rapp	VP	VP	Pres	VP
EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP	VP	Pres	VP	Rapp	VP	VP	Pres	VP	Rapp	VP	VP
LATIN AMERICAN AND THE CARIBBEAN GROUP	Pres	VP	VP	VP	Rapp	Pres	VP	VP	VP	Rapp	Pres
WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS GROUP	Rapp	VP	Pres	VP	VP	Rapp	VP	Pres	VP	VP	Rapp

Note: Pres - President
VP - Vice-President
Rapp - Rapporteur

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Annex II

PROPOSED PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS FOR NINETEENTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL INCLUDING DOCUMENTATION FOR DISCUSSION

MONDAY, 27 JANUARY

PLENARY

10:00 a.m.

Item 1: **Opening of the session**

Item 2: **Organization of the session**

Item 2(a): **Election of officers**

Item 2(b): **Adoption of the agenda and the organization of the work of the session**

UNEP/GC.19/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/GC.19/1/Add.1	Annotated provisional agenda and organization of work
UNEP/GC.19/INF.6	Report on the state of preparedness of documents for the nineteenth session

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

11.30 a.m.

Item 6: **Programme matters**

UNEP/GC.19/22	The Environment Fund budgets: revised proposals for 1996-1997 and proposals for 1998-1999
UNEP/GC.19/INF.9	Mid-term review and status of implementation of the programme of work 1996-1997

3.00 p.m.

Item 7: **Environment Fund and administrative and other budgetary matters**

UNEP/GC.19/22	The Environment Fund budgets: revised proposals for 1996-1997 and proposals for 1998-1999

TUESDAY, 28 JANUARY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

10.00 a.m

Item 6: Programme matters

UNEP/GC.19/24	Progress report on the development of an international legally binding instrument for the application of the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for certain hazardous chemicals in international trade and further measures to reduce the risks for hazardous chemicals
UNEP/GC.19/INF.7	Report of the Government-designated Group of Experts on Further Measures to Reduce the Risks from a Limited Number of Hazardous Chemicals on its work
UNEP/GC.19/23	Progress report on the implementation of Governing Council decision 18/32 on persistent organic pollutants (POPs), including the recommendations of the International Forum on Chemical Safety for international action on persistent organic pollutants
UNEP/GC.19/INF.8	Final report of the IFCS Ad Hoc Working Group on Persistent Organic Pollutants

3.00 p.m

Item 6: Programme matters

UNEP/GC.19/25	Report on UNEP's role as secretariat of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities
UNEP/GC.19/12	Implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-Based Activities: report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) to the UNEP Governing Council on international cooperation in the field of environment
UNEP/GC.19/INF.4	Institutional Arrangements for implementation of the Global Programme of Action for Protection of Marine Environment from Land-based Activities
UNEP/GC.19/32	Report on progress made in further development of international environmental law aiming at sustainable development
UNEP/GC.19/INF.12	Mid-term report on the implementation of the Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law for the 1990s
UNEP/GC.19/INF.13	Position paper for international environmental law aiming at sustainable development
UNEP/GC.19/INF.14	Report of the Meeting of Senior Government Officials Expert in Environmental Law

WEDNESDAY, 29 JANUARY

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE	COMMITTEE FOR FUND AND ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER BUDGETARY MATTERS
10.00 a.m.	**10.00 a.m.**
Item 6: **Programme matters — continuation of discussions, including:** UNEP/GC.19/9 The role of women in environment and development UNEP/GC.19/31 Report on international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment	**Item 7:** **Environment Fund and administrative and other budgetary matters** UNEP/GC.19/22 The Environment Fund budget: revised proposals for 1996-1997 and proposals for 1998-1999 UNEP/GC.19/L.1 Comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the Composite Budget document of UNEP UNEP/GC.19/5 Developments in conference-servicing
3.00 p.m.	**3.00 p.m.**
Item 6: **Programme matters — continuation of discussions, including:** UNEP/GC.19/14 Improvement of the international response to environmental emergencies UNEP/GC.19/INF.3 In-depth evaluation of the programme on environment: report on the implementation of the recommendations	**Item 7:** **Environment Fund and administrative and other budgetary matters** UNEP/GC.19/4 Management of trust funds UNEP/GC.19/18 Administrative costs of trust funds UNEP/GC.19/3 Revision of the Financial Rules of UNEP and revision of the General Procedures Governing the operations of the Fund of UNEP

THURSDAY, 30 JANUARY

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE	**COMMITTEE FOR FUND AND ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER BUDGETARY MATTERS**
10.00 a.m.	**10.00 a.m.**
Item 4: **Policy issues** **Item 4(a):** **State of the environment** UNEP/GC.19/26 Report on the Global Environment Outlook	**Item 7:** **Environment Fund and administrative and other budgetary matters** UNEP/GC.19/33 Executive Director's comments on the report of the Board of Auditors on the financial report and audited financial statements of the Environment Fund for the biennium 1994-1995 UNEP/GC.19/15 Enhancing human resource utilization with UNEP while ensuring the complementary and appropriate use of individual and corporate consultancies
3.00 p.m.	**3.00 p.m.**
Item 4: **Policy issues** Item 4(a): State of the environment UNEP/GC.19/13 The environmental situation in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories Item 4(b): Emerging policy issues UNEP/GC.19/27 Globalization and the environment: emerging issues on the environment and trade agenda	Item 7: **Environment Fund and administrative and other budgetary matters** UNEP/GC.19/6 and Add.1 Prevention of waste, fraud and mismanagement in UNEP UNEP/GC.19/21 Report on progress made on the implementation of the Mercure satellite telecommunications system UNEP/GC.19/INF.5 Status of implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors UNEP/GC.19/INF.1 Biennial report of the Board of Auditors to UNEP

FRIDAY, 31 JANUARY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

10.00 a.m.

Item 4:	**Policy issues**	
Item 4(c)	**Coordination and cooperation within and outside the United Nations, including non-governmental organizations**	
	UNEP/GC.19/19	Report on the United Nations system-wide strategy in the field of the environment
	UNEP/GC.19/INF.11	United Nations system-wide strategy in the field of the environment
	UNEP/GC.19/17	Report on the activities of the Inter-Agency Environment Coordination Group (IAEG)
	UNEP/GC.19/INF.2	Memoranda of Understanding concerning cooperation between UNEP and other organizations of the UN System
	UNEP/GC.19/7	UNEP's effort toward the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa: 1995-1996
	UNEP/GC.19/8	Cooperation between United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS) (Habitat)

3.00 p.m.

Item 4:	**Policy issues**	
Item 4(c):	**Coordination and cooperation within and outside the United Nations, including non-governmental organizations – continuation of discussions, including:**	
	UNEP/GC.19/11	Coordination of convention secretariats
	UNEP/GC.19/16	The participation of UNEP in the work of the Global Environment Facility (GEF)
	UNEP/GC.19/2	Issues arising from the resolution of the General Assembly at its fiftieth and fifty-first sessions, specifically calling for action by the United Nations Environment Programme
	UNEP/GC.19/28	Report on steps taken by UNEP and other United Nations entities on good environmental housekeeping

MONDAY, 3 FEBRUARY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

	10.00 a.m.
Item 6:	**Programme matters**

	3.00 p.m.
Item 7:	**The Environment Fund and administrative and other budgetary matters**
Item 4:	**Policy issues**
Item 4(a):	**State of the environment**
Item 4(b):	**Emerging policy issues**
Item 4(c):	**Coordination and cooperation within and outside the United Nations, including non-governmental organizations**

TUESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY

PLENARY

10.00 a.m

Item 5:	**Preparations for the 1997 review and appraisal of Agenda 21**	
	UNEP/GC.19/30	UNEP's contribution to the special session of the General Assembly in 1997
	UNEP/GC.19/20	Cost for UNEP to implement fully the parts of Agenda 21 recommended for its attention
	UNEP/GC.19/26	Report on the Global Environment Outlook
	UNEP/GC.19/10	Review of the governing structures of the United Nations Environment Programme
	UNEP/GC.19/INF.10	Ensuring adequate and predictable financing of UNEP: a challenge to Governments

3.00 p.m.

Item 5:	**Preparations for the 1997 review and appraisal of Agenda 21**	
	UNEP/GC.19/30	UNEP's contribution to the special session of the General Assembly in 1997
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	UNEP/GC.19/INF.10	Ensuring adequate and predictable financing of UNEP: a challenge to Governments

WEDNESDAY, 5 FEBRUARY

PLENARY

(HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT)

10.00 a.m.

Opening of the high-level segment

Item 5:	**Preparations for the 1997 review and appraisal of Agenda 21**	
	UNEP/GC.19/30	UNEP's contribution to the special session of the General Assembly in 1997
	UNEP/GC.19/20	Cost for UNEP to implement fully the parts of Agenda 21 recommended for its attention
	UNEP/GC.19/26	Report on the Global Environment Outlook
	UNEP/GC.19/10	Review of the governing structures of the United Nations Environment Programme
	UNEP/GC.19/INF.10	Ensuring adequate and predictable financing of UNEP: a challenge to Governments

3.00 p.m.

Item 4:	**Policy issues**	
Item 4(d):	**Governance of UNEP**	
	UNEP/GC.19/10	Review of the governing structures of the United Nations Environment Programme

7.00 p.m.

Item 7: **Environment Fund and administrative and other budgetary matters -- Pledging session**

THURSDAY, 6 FEBRUARY

PLENARY

(HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT)

10.00 a.m.

Item 3:	**Credentials of representatives**	
Item 4:	**Policy issues**	
Item 4(d):	**Governance of UNEP**	
	UNEP/GC.19/10	Review of the governing structures of the United Nations Environment Programme

3.00 p.m.

Consideration and adoption of decisions under the following agenda items:

Item 5:	Preparations for 1997 review and appraisal of Agenda 21
Item 4:	Policy issues
Item 4(d):	Governance of UNEP
Item 4(a):	State of the environment
Item 4(b):	Emerging policy issues
Item 4(c):	Coordination and cooperation within and outside the United Nations, including non-governmental organizations
Item 6:	Programme matters
Item 7:	The Environment Fund and administrative and other budgetary matters

FRIDAY, 7 FEBRUARY

PLENARY

(HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT)

	10.00 a.m
Item 8:	**Provisional agenda, date and place of the twentieth session of the Council**
Item 9:	**Other matters**
Item 10:	**Adoption of the report**

	3.00 p.m.
Item 10:	**Adoption of the report**
Item 11:	**Closure of the session**

Annex III

WEEKLY OVERVIEW OF THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR THE NINETEENTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

Week one

	MONDAY 27 JANUARY	TUESDAY 28 JANUARY	WEDNESDAY 29 JANUARY		THURSDAY 30 JANUARY		FRIDAY 31 JANUARY
Morning session (10 a.m. - 1 p.m.)	PLENARY Item 1: Opening of the session Item 2: Organization of the session Item 2(a): Election of officers Item 2(b): Adoption of the Agenda and the organization of the work of the session --- COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (11:30 A.M.) Item 6: Programme matters	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE Item 6: Programme matters	PROGRAMME COMMITTEE Item 6: Programme matters - continuation of discussions	COMMITTEE FOR FUND AND ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER BUDGETARY MATTERS Item 7: The Environment Fund and administrative and other budgetary matters	PROGRAMME COMMITTEE Item 6: Programme matters -- continuation of discussions	COMMITTEE FOR FUND AND ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER BUDGETARY MATTERS Item 7: The Environment Fund and administrative and other budgetary matters	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE Item 4: Policy issues Item 4(c): Coordination and cooperation within and outside the United Nations, including non-governmental organizations
Lunch-break							
Afternoon session (3 p.m. - 6 p.m.)	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE Item 7: The Environment Fund and administrative and other budgetary matters	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE Item 6: Programme matters	Continuation of morning discussions	Continuation of morning discussions	Item 4: Policy issues Item 4(a): State of the environment	Continuation of morning session	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE Item 4: Policy issues Item 4(c): Coordination and cooperation within and outside the United Nations including non-governmental organizations

Week two

	MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY	TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY	HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY	THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY	FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY
Morning session (10 a.m. - 1 p.m.)	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE Item 6: Programme matters	PLENARY Item 5: Preparation for the 1997 review and appraisal of Agenda 21	PLENARY Opening of the high-Level segment Item 5: Preparations for the 1997 review and appraisal of Agenda 21	PLENARY Item 3: Credentials of representatives Item 4: Policy issues Item 4(c): Governance of UNEP	PLENARY Item 8: Provisional agenda, date and place of the twentieth session of the Governing Council Item 9: Other matters Item 10: Adoption of the report
Lunch-break		Panel discussion: Global Environmental Citizenship: UNEP's special contribution to Agenda 21			
Afternoon session (3 p.m. - 6 p.m.)	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE Item 7: The Environment Fund and administrative and other budgetary matters Item 4: Policy issues Item 4(a): State of the environment Item 4(b): Emerging policy issues Item 4(c): Coordination and cooperation within and outside the United Nations system, including non-governmental organizations	PLENARY Item 5: Preparation for the 1997 review and appraisal of Agenda 21	PLENARY Item 4: Policy issues Item 4(d): Governance of UNEP	PLENARY Consideration and adoption of decisions under agenda items 5, 4(d), 4(a), 4(b), 4(c), 6, 7: Policy issues	PLENARY Item 10: Adoption of the report Item 11: Closure of the session
Evening session (8 p.m. - 10 p.m.)			PLENARY Item 7: The Environment Fund and administrative and other budgetary matters -- Pledging Session		